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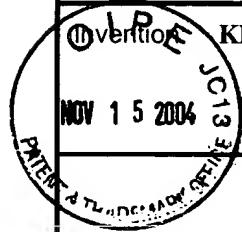
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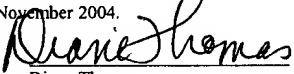
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Greetings:

Applicant submits the following in response to the office Action of September 29, 2004.

Claim Rejections—35 USC §102(b)

Claims 44, 45, 51, and 52 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Swartwood, U.S. Patent No. 5,979,522. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.